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### SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

**The Weather.**  
WASHINGTON, May 9.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:  
Virginia—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, colder Tuesday; fresh northwest winds.  
North Carolina—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, colder Tuesday in east portion; fresh northwest winds.

Yesterday morning was bright and very warm, followed in the afternoon by wind and rain and slightly lower temperature.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.	
9 A. M.	73
12 M.	84
3 P. M.	87
6 P. M.	72
9 P. M.	68
12 midnight	60
Average	74

Highest temperature yesterday	87
Lowest temperature yesterday	60
Mean temperature yesterday	72
Normal temperature for May	67
Departure from normal temperature	5

MINIATURE ALMANAC.	
Sun rises.....5:07	HIGH TIDE.....
Sun sets.....7:05	Morning.....1:03
Moon rises.....2:31	Evening.....1:15

### Richmond.

Big stir expected in political circles; gossip being heard to the effect that anti-primary people are seeking privilege of naming Richmond delegates to State Convention—Pratt's Castle found to be full of curios, rare jewelry, china, painting, as well as provisions of almost every character—Train crashes into street car on Eighteenth Street, breaking it into kindling wood and injuring motorman and two passengers, the latter very slightly—Board of trustees of the Union Theological Seminary meet to-day in annual session and may elect Dr. Moore president—United States Circuit Court of Appeals holds this afternoon memorial session in honor of Judge Simonton; Chief Justice Fuller expected to preside—Oakwood Memorial celebration this afternoon, when former Governor Cameron will deliver the annual address—Commencement of the Medical College of Virginia at Academy to-night, the speaker being Hon. A. C. Braxton, of Staunton, much-talked-of Virginia for second place on Democratic national ticket—Blues hold one hundred and eleven celebration to-day at West-hampton, and contest in marksmanship—Bible Society at annual meeting elects layman, president and commends work of secretary—Board of Aldermen meet to-night in regular session—Health Com-mittee decides to enlarge city cemetery—Physicians to the poor, instructed to report tuberculosis and measles, MAN-CHES-TER—Death of Mrs. W. L. Porter, funeral this afternoon—Candidates will have to pay this fee by noon to-day—Marriage of Mr. Willie Sharp and Miss Lizzie McCann—Liquor license refused.

Governor Montague makes an informal and unannounced visit to Danville—Heavy rainstorm at Norfolk, accom-panied by hail—Woman drowned in Lynnhaven River by a mule backing—A collector at Winchester is friendly said to be insinuated at Winchester to dispose of ancient cemetery—A wild freight train col-lides with a passenger train at Brim-stead, killing a fireman badly hurt—Fred Prescott twice tries suicide through fear he has consumption—J. B. Sullivan, mentioned as a candidate for Congress—Delegates to Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows visit the home of the order in Richmond—Meeting in that city to-day of Grand Lodge—United States Court at Abingdon closes after a session of having disposed of a large number of criminal cases—The grand jury at Alex-andria act as detectives, investigate pool-room at St. Asaph's and have property arrested; raids also at Rosslyn and Jack-son—The body of E. L. Wentz, the missing young Philadelphia millionaire, is iden-tified—Lightning strikes a barn at Chris-tiansburg—The battleship Missouri coming to Newport News to have her injured turret repaired, Mrs. C. P. Morgan, the sister, there to meet Captain Cowles—Two children burned to death and another injured on a barge near Mount Vernon on the Potomac.

**North Carolina.**  
Sam Jones is having immense audiences in Greensboro and pledges thousands to his later life—Judge J. Brown Brown refused to set aside the verdict of the jury in the Selma connection case, and reserved his decision as to the jurisdiction of the Corporation Commission—Another bid filed with Governor Aycock for the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina by the Asheville bidder; name and terms not made known.

**General.**  
Tartar General Theng, commanding at Mukden, refuses to obey Viceroy Alexieff's command to evacuate the town; all of Manchuria now laid to rest against Russia—United States government orders cruiser Charleston and a gunboat to the Foo to protect American interests against Chinese bandits—Reported that Japanese have attacked Russian Vladivostok squad-ron and sunk the cruiser Albatross—The United States naval commission con- sidering the government of the canal zone—Said that Virginia delegation to St. Asaph's will be a strong one—Bottle found off coast of Africa containing note from Richmond boy—Italian colonists in Alabama are in need of food—Murder in Alabama town—Farmer killed while family is at church—Man shot and killed by negro citizens in Mississippi town—Judge Holt issues order suspend- ing Hawley and Ray in connection with the Sully proceedings—Treasury warrant for \$10,000 delivered to J. P. Morgan & Co.—Hearst collision on elevated road in New York creates wild excitement and causes one death—Virginia man has New York stock broker arrested—Virginia Boat Club admitted to Middle States' Regatta Association—Jockey at Louisville is jammed and trampled by horses and has concussion of the brain—Mrs. Pickett, wife of famous Confederate general, falls from car in Washington and breaks a limb—President Duke, of American Tobacco Company, has mounted police to protect his estate—Elmore Clemmons, formerly of Petersburg, dies at Webster, Mass.



HERE AGAIN.

## RARE ART TREASURES IN PRATT'S CASTLE

Appraisal of Personality of Samuel Cornick Discloses Many Valuables.

### HIS WEALTH OF ART CURIOS

One of the most widely known architectural curiosities of this city and one familiar to residents and visitors alike is the castellated structure located at the south end of Fourth Street at Gamble's Hill Park, formerly known as "Pratt's Castle," but lately referred to merely as Pratt's Castle.

Curious and interesting as is the exterior, recent explorations of the interior have shown that this is hardly less so. The place was used by Mr. Samuel Cornick and wife, formerly Miss Hennie Augusta Mayo, daughter of Joseph Mayo, one of Richmond's most noted Mayors. Husband and wife have died recently, their heirs-at-law being Dr. William Cornick, of Norfolk county, and Mrs. Pres- cott, the administration of the estate necessitated an appraisal of the personal property, and this has made some very interesting disclosures. The former owners of the castle were both enthu-siastic collectors of curios and rare chin-a, furniture, pictures and furnishings, and it was not a surprise to those who knew them to find rare treasures of this character in the quaint old struc-ture.

The appraisal of the personal prop-erty disclosed a large quantity of hand-icraft, some old silverware, rare chin-awares, some old furniture, and similar goods and chattels. Some of these are of great value to seekers after the unique and antique in decorative art. The paintings, tapestries and works of art are many and valuable and would aggregate in value a large sum. A "grandfather's clock" of handsome design is among the furnishings. Besides these are treas-ures of old furniture, and the house was heavily stocked with provisions, fuel, bed and table linens, wines, cigars, preserves and confections and everything desirable in a home of luxury, taste and wealth. There were twenty-five tons of coal, stores of provisions sufficient to victual a single regiment, and in such abundance that many have never been used. These are but a small portion of the articles found in the house.

## STREET-CAR IN KINDLING

Motorman and Two Passengers Injured in the Col-lision.

### HAVE MIRACULOUS ESCAPES

Motorman Fred Gayle, of Oakwood No. 23, is at Virginia Hospital, suffering with bruises in his chest and legs; Mr. Frank W. Field, of No. 133 Park Avenue, a passenger on the car, is at home nursing a bruised chest; Mr. George P. Outland, of No. 504 North Seventh Street, another passenger, is suffering the in-convenience occasioned by slightly bruised chest and back, and the car is a mass of debris, up against the embankment at the Eighteenth Street entrance of the Chesapeake and Ohio tunnel, about fifty feet from the street car track.

All this was brought about last night at eleven o'clock by the bumping of a "dead" freight car up against the street car, as the latter was crossing the railroad track at the mouth of the tunnel on Eighteenth Street.

The car was returning from its last trip to Oakwood, and carried two pas-sengers, Motorman Gayle and Conduc-tor R. L. Jenkins were in charge of the car.

About the time the street car was due at the point of the collision, Engineer Young, of the Chesapeake and Ohio yards, and Conductor Binford, with their crew, were engaged in running a lot of broken "dead" freight cars across Eighteenth Street, into the space between the street and the tunnel, known to the rail-road men as the "grave-yard." The line was "broken" as the street car approach-ed, and the freight car, instead of being backed down, the street car was struck heavily, squarely against the side. The two passengers and the motorman scram-

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## BIG STIR IN LOCAL POLITICS

Trouble Brewing Over Convention Delegates.

### NOT PLEASED WITH THE PROPOSED PLAN

Alliance Alleged Between Parker Organization and Plans Committee.

### TALK OF VOTING DIRECTLY FOR THE CANDIDATES

In This Event the Entire Rich-mond Delegation Could be Named by the Execu-tive Committee of the Parker Club.

Dark and threatening war clouds are gathering on the political horizon in Richmond, and out of a combination of altogether unique circumstances, there promises to come a culmination, bristling with public interest, if not full of fiery and spicy incidents.

The situation, now bubbling with excitement among the local leaders, had its origin in last week. One was the organization of a Parker presidential cam-paign club, and the other, the action of the City Democratic Committee in re-fusing to adopt a resolution allowing the voters to express their sentiments as to retaining or abolishing the several primary principles when chosen on May 24th.

**What It Is Said to Mean.**  
Considered separately, these two propo-sitions would mean nothing out of the ordinary routine of party politics. Taken together, in the light of the talk that was going on among well posted and reliable politicians last night, they mean little less than the placing of the entire Richmond delegation to the State con-vention in the hands of a few men, to be swung to and fro like the pendulum of a clock, and according to the judgment of those who are opposed to the alleged scheme to be swung, especially against the State primary principle, when the proposed motions shall be made to either lord or abolish that piece of party me-chanism.

**How It All Came About.**  
A little recent history needs to be re-lated here, and then the public may con-clude whether the alarm sounded around the hotel lobbies and public places last night is well founded or not. Early last week less than twenty of the local politicians met at Murphy's Hotel and or-ganized a Parker campaign club. On the rolls as charter members are the names of several active members of the City Democratic Committee, Hon. Charles V. Meredith accepted the presidency of the Parker Club, believing that it was organized solely for the purpose of pressing the claims of the New York jurist for the presidential nomination.

Following in a few nights came the meeting of the City Democratic Com-mittee to fix a time and manner for electing delegates to the State conven-tion. A motion was made that there be a primary on May 24th, from 4 to 8 P. M., and that all details be referred to the plans committee.

**Popular Voice Hushed.**  
Nothing was said concerning the man-ner of voting. A resolution was offered to have the words "primary" and "anti-primary" printed on the tickets, so that there might be a popular expression as to whether the Democratic voters of Richmond desired the primary principle retained or rejected by the convention.

Those who a few nights before had been most active in the organization of the Parker Club opposed this resolu-tion, and it was defeated. It is now said that the Plans Committee will on Fri-day night bring in a report recommend-ing instead of voting directly for dele-gates, the names of Parker and Hearst be placed on the ticket used in the local primary.

If Parker shall carry the city, the Executive Committee of the Parker Club

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BARON HAYASHI, JAPANESE MINISTER TO ENGLAND Who looks for the next big engagement of the war to take place at Liao Yang.

## BODY OF THE MISSING MILLIONAIRE FOUND

### GRAND JURY DETECTIVES

Members Secretly Investigate Operations of Pool-Room at St. Asaph's.

### THE PROPRIETORS ARRESTED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Sheriff William H. Palmer, of Alexandria county, accompanied by two special officers, swooped down on the pool room at St. Asaph's this afternoon and arrested sixteen persons connected with the estab-lishment. The arrests include J. M. Hill, the proprietor, who is also a member of the Board of Aldermen of Alexandria and the owner of one of the principal printing establishments of that city.

The warrants under which the men were arrested, were issued on complaint of Commonwealth's Attorney Crandall Mackey before Magistrate John R. Hag-an, and were based on secret information obtained by the grand jury, which found everything in full swing, some of the members of the jury actually betting their money on races.

Of course, the jury members were not recognized as such.

A GREAT SURPRISE.  
The sheriff had no difficulty in making the arrests, and did not take the men to jail, but recognized each to appear before Justice Hagan next Tuesday. None of the men summoned made any opposi-tion, and Mr. Hill, the proprietor, said he was perfectly willing to have the whole matter brought to trial.

One of the attaches of the pool room, who was in the city to-night, told me that Mr. Hill had told Mr. Mackey shortly after the latter was elected to the office of Commonwealth's attorney, that he would be glad to have him see the case of the pool room before the courts, and decided, as he did not desire to do busi-ness, if the business was contrary to the law.

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The Wentz Mystery Solved and Identification of Young Man Complete.

### WAS PROBABLY MURDERED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BIG STONE GAP, VA., May 9.—The body of E. L. Wentz was found Sunday, and one of the greatest mysteries that has puzzled the minds of thousands of people since his disappearance, October 11, 1903, has been definitely solved.

A forest fire and a boy hunting for cows brought to view the body in a spot where hundreds of men, inspired by offers of one hundred thousand dollars reward, had, they believed, searched time and again every inch of ground.

The body was found on Black Moun-tain, a half mile from Kelly View, Va., not far from the spot to which he was last traced. The body had been placed in an open space and covered with leaves. The fire burned the leaves away and the boy found the body while cross-ing the opening.

### The Body Found.

The body was in a fair state of pres-ervation and readily identified. A few feet away was found a thirty-two calibre pistol, which the young man is supposed to have carried, and also his eye-glasses and hat. Two chambers of the pistol were empty.

Reps have been stretched to keep away the anxious crowd that have gathered to-day and the body will not be removed until an inquest is held which will take place immediately on the ar-rival of W. B. Wentz, brother of the deceased, who is now on his way from Philadelphia, on a special train, and is reported will arrive here late to-night or early Tuesday morning.

The body was lying about thirty feet from the mountain pathway with the head resting on a small log and the feet against a limb, and strange to say, while it has lain in the wilds of Black Moun-tain for seven long months, no wild beast or bird has molested it.

### Three Bullet Holes.

What is supposed to be three bullet

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## CHINA IS EAGER TO GO TO WAR

Tartar General Would Not Obey Alexieff.

### ORDER TO EVACUATE MULREN, BUT REFUSED

Probable That Whole of Man-churia Will Rise Against Russians.

### UNITED STATES ORDERS RALEIGH TO CHE FOO

Rumors That Vladivostok Squad-ron Has Been Attacked and That Cruiser Burik Has Been Sunk—Capture of Dalny Has Important Bearing on Fate Port Arthur.

### Shut Out of Vladivostok.

LONDON, May 10.—The Daily Telegraph's Seoul Cor-respondent says: "It is be-lieved here that a portion of the Russian Vladivostok fleet has been shut out and is now in the Sea of Japan trying to evade the Japanese."

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch, Copyright 1904.)

By Paul Lambeth.

LONDON, May 9.—One of the most sig-nificant pieces of news reaching here to-day from the far East is the reported refusal of the Tartar General Theng, commanding at Mukden, to obey the or-der of Viceroy Alexieff to evacuate that city and move his troops to the west of the Line. It is believed probable that this may mean the long expected embroilment of China in the war.

If the Tartar commander remains firm and Alexieff attempts to compel obedi-ence to his commands by the use of force, it is doubtful if the Chinese army, which is eager for action, can longer be restrained. It is regarded certain that the Tartar commanders throughout Man-churia are acting in concert, and there is a clash at Mukden the probabilities are that the whole of Manchuria will rise against the Russians, a complication which would add vastly to the difficul-ties of Kuropatkin's position, which al-ready is about as hard a one as has confronted a military commander in re-cent years. Later cables indicate that the retreat of the Yalu army from Feng Wang Cheng closely resembled a rout. Everything calculated to hamper the quick movement of troops was destroyed and the whole force was hurried on to Liao Yang.

Expert opinion is still divided as to whether Kuropatkin will make a stand at Liao Yang. While as a matter of strategy it is believed it would be a mistake for him to accept the gage of battle, it is realized that conditions are such in Manchuria that it is difficult to risk it. The best opinion is that the question will be decided one way or the other within a few days.

Rumors come from both St. Petersburg and Nagasaki that the Vladivostok squadron has been attacked, and the his- toric cruiser Burik, one of the fleet vessels of her class, has been sunk. There has been confirmation of the report, and while it is not improbable, it must be taken with reserve.

The capture of Dalny may have an important bearing on the fall of Port Arthur. It will prevent the Japanese from being able to move heavy artillery in case they decide Port Arthur is worth the cost of taking it by assault.

### CRUISER TO CHE FOO.

United States Will Send the Ra-leigh There to Protect In-terest of Americans.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The at-tention of the State Department has been drawn to the possibility of rioting and looting at New Chang in the in-dependence of time between the expected Russian withdrawal and the Japanese occupation of the port. Sec-etary Hay to-day had a consultation with the President respecting the ad-visability of again sending a warship to New Chang to safeguard American in-terests and as far as possible to prevent outrages upon other foreigners by brig-ands. As a result of the conference, the Navy Department has called Ad-miral Cooper, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic station, to send a cruiser and a gunboat to Che Foo. This is the near-est neutral port to Port Arthur, but outside the zone of military operations. The selection of the vessels is left to Admiral Cooper.

There are several vessels of the navy within two or three days' sail of New Chang, the nearest being the Raleigh, now at Chemulpo, while the Helena and the Wilmington are at Wenchau, just below Shanghai, and the Cincinnati is on her way from Che Foo to Chemulpo.

### GIVE OUT NO REPORTS.

Russian War Commission Ad-journed Without Giving Any Dispatches to the Public.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—The war commission adjourned at 4 P. M. this morning, but did not make any announcements.

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**75 WANT HELP TO DAY**

The 75 advertisements for help pub-lished in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10, are as follows:

4 Agent.	3 Trade.
51 Domestic.	6 Salesmen.
11 Miscellaneous.	

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## ROASTED ALIVE ON A RIVER BARGE

Two Children Dead and An-other Likely to Die.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 9.—Robert Harper and Carry Harper, two little chil-dren of Joseph Harper, were burned to death about noon to-day on their father's barge, which was lying in an inlet at Riverside, near Mt. Vernon.

Their sister, Mabel, a girl of twelve, was also badly burned, but was brought to the hospital in this city. The horrible accident was caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove on the barge, which was loaded with pitch, and before the screams of the children brought a number of men working near by, the pitch had ig-nited, literally roasting the two younger children.

It is thought that the other child will also die of her injuries, as she was badly burned all over her body.

## BRUTAL MURDER IN ALABAMA TOWN

Farmer Is Killed on the Floor of His House While Family Are at Church.

FLORENCE, ALA., May 9.—Great ex-citement prevails at Lexington, a small village twenty-three miles east of here, in Lauderdale county, where Bill Ham-mond, a prominent farmer about sixty years of age, was found murdered on the floor of his house by his family when they returned from church Sunday after-noon. His head was beaten to a pulp with a dull instrument. Sheriff Hill re-turned to Florence this evening without having found any clue to the murderers.

**Minister Pleas Dead.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, May 9.—A telegram to the Religious Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg announces the death there at 9 o'clock this morning of M. Pleske, late minister of finance.

## MOUNTED POLICE ON HIS ESTATE

President Duke Has Employed and Uniformed Men to Protect Property.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SOMERVILLE, N. J., May 9.—James B. Duke, president of the American To-bacco Company, has introduced an in-novation on his estate near here in the shape of uniformed mounted policemen, whom he has employed to protect his property from the depredations of van-dals, in preference to excluding the pub-lic from the beautiful grounds, upon which he has expended several millions of dollars and over which the public has been permitted to roam at will.

**Mr. Catlin Here.**  
Mr. James T. Catlin, cashier of the Mer-chants National Bank of Danville, was in the city yesterday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. R. C. Davis.

## CHARGES FILED IN RILEY CASE

Bedford School Superintendent Cited to Appear Before State Board on the 26th.

The State Board of Education has been called to meet in this city, May 26th, to consider and act upon certain complaints or charges against School Su-perintendent John S. Riley, of Bedford county, the charges having been filed by the Commonwealth's attorney. The charges grow out of the destruction by fire re-cently of Mr. Riley's residence. None of the men summoned made any opposi-tion, and Mr. Hill, the proprietor, said he was perfectly willing to have the whole matter brought to trial.

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## CRASH OF TRAINS ON THE ELEVATED

Motorman Killed, Several Pas-sengers Injured and Wild Ex-citement Prevailed.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, May 9.—A rear end col-lision between two trains on the Third Avenue elevated, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Streets, this afternoon killed Motorman Cornell, of the rear train and seriously injured five passen-gers. The trains were on the south-bound track. The first car of the rear train smashed its way three-quarters of a length through the rear car of the second train, and the exposed wiring set fire to the wreckage. The fire added to the panic. Passengers leaped through the shattered windows, braving the dan-gers of the third rail, and until firemen and policemen arrived intense excite-ment prevailed.